

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending. In response to the Restriction Requirement of March 19, 2004, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

An Office Action was received requiring restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-12, drawn to a modular toy building kit, classified in class 52, subclass 284;
- II. Claims 13-22, drawn to a panel and connector set, classified in class 312, subclass 223.1¹; and,
- III. Claims 23-28, drawn to a toy set, classified in class 446, subclass 85.


The Applicant hereby elects the Group I claims with traverse.

While Applicant has made an election. Applicant respectfully requests that the restriction requirement be withdrawn. Applicant respectfully submits that the claim groups overlap in certain elements. The corresponding searches are related and would not require separate searches. For example, the claims of Group I are drawn to a modular toy building kit, and the claims include "panels" and "connectors;" similarly the "panel and connector set" claims of Group II include "panels" and "connectors". Independent claim 23 of Group III recites "a panel and connector kit." A search for any of the Groups would overlap for at least these elements.

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests their approval. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned directly if it would be helpful to the advancement of this case.

¹ Identified Class/Subclass 312/223.1 for Group II is defined as: "Supports: Cabinet Structure/ For Particular Electrical Device Or Component". The present claims do not recite an electrical device.

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